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Serial No.: 10/087,196 Art Unit: 2856

Filed: Feb. 28, 2002 Examiner: Thomas Noland

For: Nonconnect Sensitivity and Attorney Docket No: 60866-5001
Compliance Calibration Method
for Cantilever-Based Instruments

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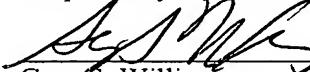
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RESTRICTION ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE, AND AMENDMENT

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The enclosed Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated * for the above identified patent application.

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RESTRICTION ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE:

Application elects to prosecute the Group 3 claims (8-14 plus new claim 23), with traverse. For the reasons stated below, applicant requests that the Group 4 claims (formerly claims 15-19, now claims 15-16 and 18-22) be included in Group 3 as elected claims.

It is noted for the record that the Group 3 claims are method claims, while the Group 4 claims are apparatus claims. It is also noted that the Group 4 claims are “means plus function claims” that track, virtually word for word, the limitations of the method claims in Group 3.

Because the apparatus claims of Group 4 are “means plus function claims,” and the Examiner is required to construe each claim element as having the broadest reasonable scope possible, prosecution of the Group 4 claims will place no additional burden on the Examiner. MPEP 803.01 states: “If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.”

The Group 3 claims may be broader in scope than the Group 4 claims, in that they do not have any apparatus limitations. But since the examiner must construe means plus function claims in the same manner as method claims, the scope of the Group 3 and Group 4 claims is equivalent for purposes of examination by the USPTO (even if the scope of the two groups of claims might be construed differently in a federal court of law).

For these reasons, the Examiner is respectfully requested to treat claims 8-19 (now claims 8-16 and 18-24) as being in one Group, and to accept the Applicant’s election of claims 8-16 and 18-24.